

ALL THE WORLD LOVES THE CHARACTER OF SANTA CLAUS

His Coming Is An Event of Interest To Millions Everywhere. Stores of the City Are Filled With Wares That Tell of His Approach.

Christmas will soon be here and with the happy event will come Santa Claus with his loads of treasures. In preparation for this day of days, several local stores have laid in a supply of toys and other delightful things that are now being daily viewed in the windows by the little folks who are so excited and wondering what Old Santa will leave in their stockings.

No other Christmas symbol has such a hold on the youth of the world as the character of Santa Claus. Probably he originated in Holland and was imported to this country by the early Dutch settlers. As St. Nicholas or San Nicholas he is the patron saint of the children, a portly jovial person who has found his way into the hearts of the little folks and is cherished lovingly by them. According to a popular myth he is supposed to sweep down from the North driving his sleigh, laden with gifts for good children, to which is hitched reindeers.

The picture of our modern Santa Claus is probably described in most picturesque fashion by Clement Clark Moore's familiar poem:

"He was dressed in fur from his head to foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished
with ashes and soot."

Even the reindeer were named in this popular tale of Christmas Eve night:

"Now Dasher! now Dancer! now
Prancer and Vixen!
On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and
Blitzen!"

The idea of having Santa Claus come down the chimney may be explained by an old English custom. It was supposed to bring good luck to sweep the chimney at that time. In France, St. Nicholas is called Bonhomme Noel, or Pere Noel, meaning good Noel or Father Noel. In Germany the name is Christkindlein or Kris Kringle.

Not only are older persons securing pretty things for the children, but the Christmas shopping has begun in earnest, and stores are crowded with persons hurrying here and there in order to secure first choice on presents for their families and friends. It seems probable that the custom of exchanging presents at Christmas time came from the desire to follow the example of the unselfishness of Christ. It is said, however, that the pagans exchanged gifts at their winter festivals.

There was a custom which may be responsible for modern Christmas gift giving. It was known as the Priest's box. Among the Romans it was customary for a priest to put a box on all outgoing boats, in which money had been placed. The box was sealed before the boat set to sea. When the boat returned, the box was kept until Christmas, when it was opened and the contents distributed among the poor. Later the Priest's box was known as the Christmas box and those who had not placed anything in it came forward and offered gifts.

People sometimes think that the true significance of Christmas day is overshadowed by the stress placed on the buying of Christmas gifts. This, however, is not a late development. The Germans were so fond of this custom that it became an obligation and cases were known where men actually left the country at this season in order to escape gift giving. From Germany the custom spread over Europe and to America, until today we are drifting into the habit much as the German did.

Nobody's Business

By Gee McGee

We Will All Want To Go To Jail Sooner or Later

The bootleggers and the vagrants and the thieves and robbers of our county are rejoicing over the fact that we are soon to get a brand new jail. Our present jail is simply out of date, and there is no comfort much in jails that are bordering onto antiquity.

Plans and specifications for our jail are not yet out. We understand, however, that the main entrance is to be of Greek Gothic design trimmed in white marble and balustraded with Vermont granite. The hall leading from the cells to the showers and from there to the tub-baths will be of freenish tile inlaid in Sicilian mortar to harmonize with the creton curtains and draperies.

The hammocks for the prisoners will be of the new stretchout pattern, the same to be swung to and fro by an automatic motor while the incarcerated man or woman is resting therein sipping tea and hot chocolate and reading the newspapers and magazines. The old-style cots will not be permitted in the new jail-house, but twin beds with Simmons Liver Regulator springs will be placed in the rooms (not cells), and each prisoner will have his or her own bed and private dressing compartment.

The furniture for the rooms of the murderers will consist of 6 rockers, 2 sofas, 3 straight chairs, 5 spittoons, 6 ash-tray stands, 1 dresser, 2 wardrobes, 1 radio, 1 piano, 1 organ, 1 easy-chair and a good deal of other stuff. The rooms of murderers will naturally require more furniture than rooms of other prisoners by reason of the fact that they have more company or visitors. Some people become prominent in life only after they have shot a man, or run over a woman, or helped lynch a bad guy. Other apartments for other victims (?) will be furnished according to the standing of the said victims amongst hi-jackers and cut-throats.

Automatic equipment will be installed throughout the building. The rising bell will be sounded at 8:30, giving the prisoners time to dress before breakfast in the main dining room at 9:25. Lunch will be served at 2:10, and dinner at 6:30. Only 8-course dinners will be tolerated. A band will be employed by the county to furnish soft, sweet music during all meals. Beans and peas and fatback and cornbread will be banished from the menus, and folks having turkeys, fat hens, small shoats, tenderloin beeves, whipped cream, and other common food products will please get in touch

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with the purchasing agent's secretary whose residence will be in the Waverly apartments up-town, first floor, rooms 2 and 6 and 4 and 1 and 9 and 10 and 14. Advance information is at hand which intimates that the new jail quarters will be so luscious that many men and women are now preparing to quit business and join the crime waves and thus have a chance to be ensconced in quarters fit for kings, queens, jacks and asses. We must have modern homes, modern schools, modern churches, and modern Fords, so why not modern house-gows?

Cotton Letter

New York, Dec. 11.—In sympathy with Coca-Cola, January sold off 23 points about noon, but as Uro Rat Pizen advanced \$10 a share, 1 point of this loss was regained. Southern selling and dull cables interspersed with Bombay hedging and Shanghai straddling, reduced New Orleans spots to a new low for the month. Some realizing took place with the shorts while the longs were raising the discount rate, but spinners takings were in keeping with the private estimates, therefore—Hoover permitted the tariff bill to cover wash rags, underwear, onion sets and doll saw-dust, and thereby relieved the tension on brown sheetings at the ports. We advise larger margins and shorter wheel-bases.

Paris has discovered that it is necessary to make the bottom of the skirts out of heavier material. It has been observed that 999 flappers out of every 1000 (who sit down) immediately begin to pull at the hems of their so-called dresses trying to get the same to stretch down over their knees . . . which they want somebody to believe that they desire hidden from vision. Up to date, only 1 girl has been able to stretch the shortest garment enough to prove of any benefit along this line, and in doing so—she broke the straps loose that go across her shoulders. Won't you please pass the gravy and hush that foolishness?

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LYNN - END

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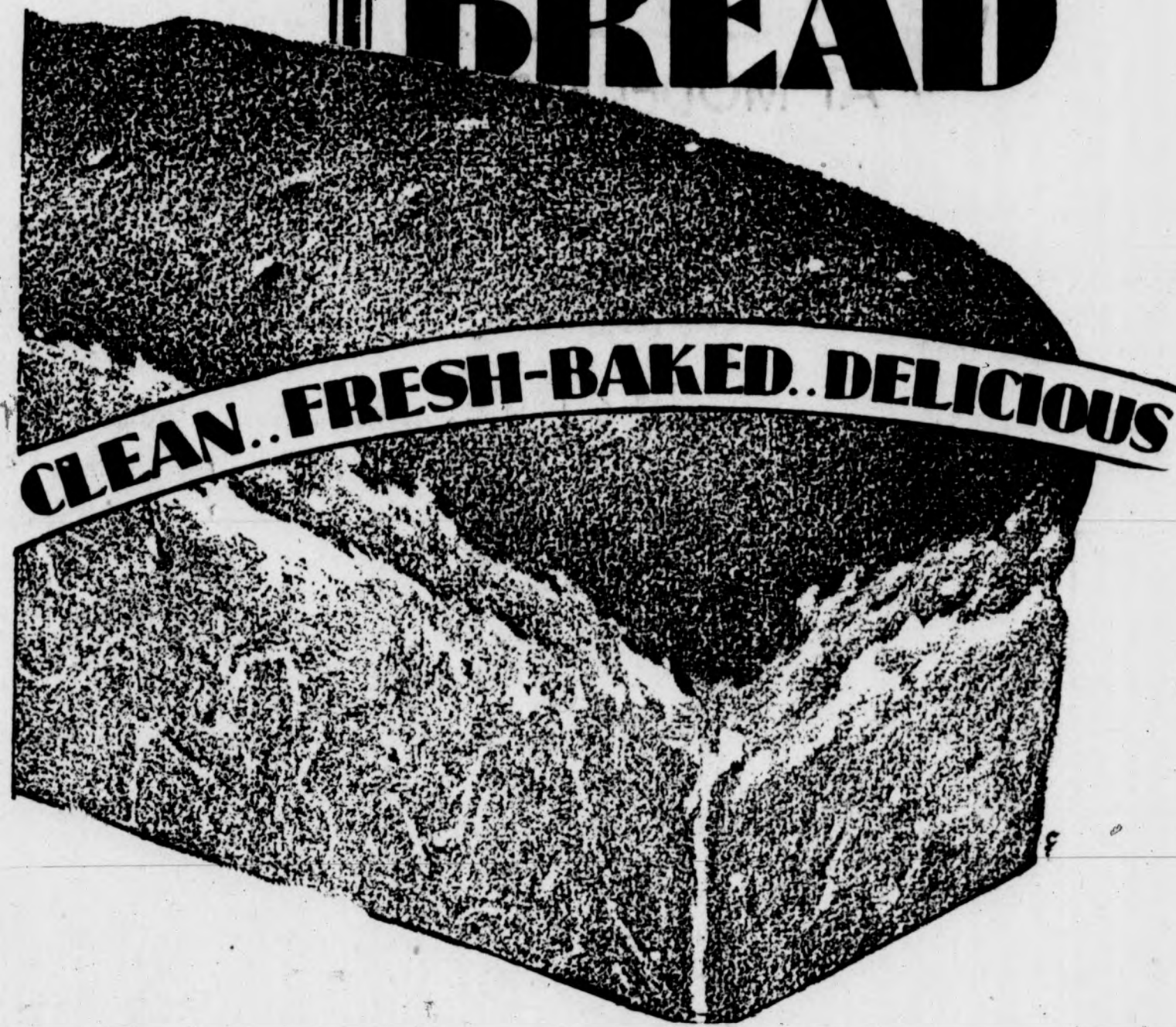
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